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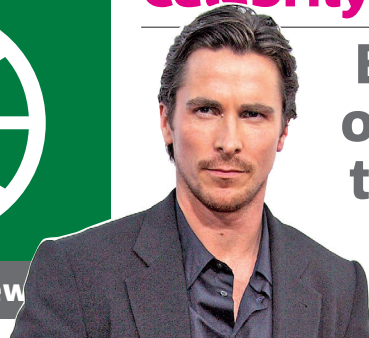
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City explores regional water plan

Officials insist privatization of water was 'never discussed or on the table'

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The City of Calgary confirmed they are exploring options surrounding the provision of regional utility services yesterday, including water delivery.

Wolf Keller, director of water services, said city council did have an in-camera session about regional

land use partnerships and how services could be co-ordinated, but as a part of a regional growth strategy, rather than just Calgary.

"Privatization (of water services) was never discussed or on the table; council is looking at many options," he said.

Keller responded to an article published by Metro yesterday that suggested the city was seeking alter-

native options for water services, one of which was possibly looking to third-party providers.

Mayor Dave Bronconnier said the city was simply looking at several options for how Calgary can service the regional partnerships with the 18 municipalities surrounding the city.

"We would never sell our utility. We are looking at the what-ifs and how we

Other systems

- EPCOR has water and waste water systems in 50 communities in Western Canada, with many of them surrounding Calgary.

SOURCE: EPCOR

can service these municipalities over the next 50 years," Bronconnier said.

Bronconnier said Calgary

already sells water services in bulk to communities such as Airdrie, which then sell water to their clients.

"It would be like a case of municipality-to-municipality, like what we do now," he said of the partnerships. "Calgary has a lot of water but we have to protect Calgary first."

EPCOR vice-president of water development Joe Gysel said he wouldn't be sur-

prised if Calgary moved towards a private-public partnership to deliver water services, and he would be pleased if EPCOR expanded further into the Calgary region.

"Absolutely, we're expanding into these types of operations all over North America," he said, adding EPCOR is also looking to other areas in Ontario, and in Winnipeg and Arizona.

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Tracy Johnson, grandson of Rino (Ray) Johnson found murdered last weekend, talks to media about the death of his grandfather. The family, who were available for limited questions to media yesterday, pleaded for any witnesses to come forward.

Family of slain man pleads for information

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary



Rino (Ray) Johnson was likely out hunting for bargain items to fix up and resell in his flea market stand when he was beaten to death this weekend, his family said yesterday.

Police say the 77-year-old's body was found Saturday afternoon in an industrial area in Ramsay, not in the same area where the murder occurred.

The victim's grandson, Tracy Johnson, spoke to the media yesterday, pleading for someone who saw the assault on his grandfa-

ther to come forward.

"This is just absolutely shocking to our family and we need to have closure as quickly as we can," he said.

"If these guys (the suspects) would have said that they needed some money, I'm confident that he would have helped. He helped everybody out."

Insp. Guy Slater said it's possible that something may have gone wrong with a deal the victim was making.

"We're focusing on tracing his activities during the 36-hour period from about noon on Friday until we found his body," Slater said.

No cuts in sight for city hall just yet, McIver says

BUDGET With the economic downturn continuing, the City of Calgary is keeping a close eye on what's happening but isn't looking at any cutbacks to city employees or spending just yet.

"I can see the potential for that but I don't think we're ready to do anything like that yet," said Ald. Ric McIver.

He said that city administration is receiving regular updates a couple of times each week on the ever-changing financial situation.

McIver said he hopes if changes do need to be made to amend the budget, administration will be prepared to do so.

"I think Calgary is uniquely positioned to succeed during these trying times but we still need to be vigilant and stay on top of these changes as they come so that we can make adjustments without hurting the city or its residents," he said. McIver added he feels that that constant vigilance is necessary "until we're long past the danger point."

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\$229	\$265	\$265	\$338	\$387	\$425	\$428	\$498

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City announces Online Safety Week

City administration has declared Feb. 21 – 28 as Calgary Online Safety Week. They are concerned about public awareness of the proper and appropriate usage of the Internet's resources. **METRO CALGARY**

Local



Arson squad investigating new fire

A resident of an apartment at 1312 – 12 Ave. SW was rescued from her 10th floor apartment yesterday afternoon after a fire broke out in the hallway and trapped the woman inside the suite. The fire is being treated as suspicious and the arson squad was called in to investigate. The woman was transported to hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation. **METRO CALGARY**

U of C study touts Canada as leader in blood pressure

HEALTH A new study released from the University of Calgary is touting Canada as the world leader in the treatment and control of high blood pressure.

According to the study, less Canadians were hospitalized or died from cardiovascular complications starting the same time the Canadian Hypertension Education Program was introduced. Currently, high blood pressure is estimated to be the leading risk for death in the world, according to U of C.

City police arrest arson suspect

BLAZE Police have arrested a suspect who they allege deliberately started a downtown fire yesterday.

Investigators allege Rosanne Patricia Pate, 34, set a garbage bag on fire on her balcony. Police have arrested and charged Pate with arson endangering life. A neighbour was alerted to the fire by a smoke detector and, after seeing flames and smoke, he put out the flames with a fire extinguisher.

News in brief

GROWTH The Calgary Telus Convention Centre is looking at tripling its gathering space by 2013. The centre wants to spend \$300 million for its new facility.

METRO CALGARY

Get caught reading

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Don't be surprised if you're ambushed by happy people in purple while reading on the C-Train this month.

Yesterday kicked-off the national Get Caught Reading campaign and, every Tuesday this month, volunteers will be prowling around transit stations during the morning hours looking for literate commuters, awarding each with a cozy scarf.

"The magic of reading and the escape of a good book is what we're trying to connect people with," said Cathy Freer-Leszczynski with the Calgary Public Library. Manmeet Bhullar, MLA Calgary Montrose, boarded a train with volunteers and Transit Teddy — who carried his own oversized book — and found several people enjoying the written word.

"This woman here is a great role model for all of



Paul Swaren gets a free scarf from Judith Umbach, chair of the Calgary Public Library, and Deputy Mayor Joe Ceci during the Get Caught Reading campaign as transit riders passed through the Olympic Plaza C-Train station yesterday.

us," Bhullar said as he hung a red scarf around a woman reading her Metro. "You've been caught reading."

Mahdia Chowdhury, a 21-year-old university student who rides transit daily, was the first Calgarian

to receive a scarf.

"It seems like a good idea," she said, adding she was excited to be a part of it.

To further promote reading, the Central Library will be hosting a launch party on Friday at 7 p.m.

that will feature a free concert by Paul Quarrington and his Porkbelly Futures and author/humorist Will Ferguson.

Visit www.calgarypubliclibrary.com and click on "Calgary Get Caught Reading" for more information.

Zoo blames human error for ray deaths

ANIMALS Though there's still a shadow of doubt, the Calgary Zoo says it's almost certain human error caused the death of 41 stingrays last summer.

"We cannot prove that it was the dissolved oxygen, but we strongly believe that was the case," said Cathy Gaviller, director of conservation, education and research at the zoo.

This comes after the Zoo's president Clement Lanthier said he was 99.9 per cent sure the life support system failed to provide the necessary oxygen to keep the rays alive.

At the time, a pump had failed, leaving three pumps delivering oxygen to the marine display on a very hot day. Despite that, the zoo says they have consulted experts and feel confident that no policies need reviewing after opening its new stingray display.

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Calgary Zoo is at a loss to explain recent troubles at metronews.ca/local

Edmonton rolling out high-tech transit

TRANSIT Edmonton Transit rolled out a bus yesterday that offers Wi-Fi Internet access, television screens, air conditioning, and an option to pay fares electronically that could attract more people to use transit, even through

tough economic times, said the city.

Nathan Walters, a strategic marketing supervisor for Edmonton Transit Services, says the bus idea is perfect since the service is in a "unique position in this economic period."

"A lot of people that are being more financially conscious, they are thinking, well it's harder to find parking, it's expensive," Walters said onboard the city's prototype bus, complete with all the bells and whistles, called ETS Plat-

inum. "With this, you're increasing the quality of (the rider's) experience."

The bus is part of a city project to help transit officials to get an idea of what riders want through an online survey.

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Province targeting toxic tailing ponds

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OILSANDS The province's energy regulator says it will begin to clamp down on oil companies that operate in Alberta's oilsands over how they handle their lake size toxic tailing ponds.

Alberta's Energy Resources Conservation Board has issued a directive for new, industry-wide criteria that will force companies to report on its ponds annually.

And within five years, all companies must process all of their tailings water and eventually get rid of the sludge over the next several decades — an end to tailings ponds.

Oil companies must also find other ways to get rid of their waste water and if they don't, the province will deny an offending company its plans to expand, as well as forcing plants to close.

"This directive addresses



"This directive addresses yet another symptom of the problem rather than the problem itself."

Mike Hudema, Greenpeace

yet another symptom of the problem rather than the problem itself," said Mike Hudema with Greenpeace.

"The reality is that these huge toxic tailings ponds will never be properly reclaimed and will be a permanent black mark on Alberta's legacy."

Ed Stelmach's government was under an international media microscope last year after 500 dead ducks were found in a toxic tailings pond owned by Suncor near Fort McMurray.

Inspirational music, art

Black History Month gives exposure to another culture

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary

Black History Month is striking a (musical) chord with Calgarians, no matter what their ethnic background is.

Although artist Earl Klatzel isn't of African descent, he connects with African-American history and culture through blues music.

"Man, the power in that music, the feeling," he said. "These people were slaves, these people were tortured. They had a tough life. There's just so much feeling to it, and that's what I try to relate in my paintings."

Klatzel's paintings depict the Great Depression in the southern United States as well as famous blues musicians, typically from the same era. They provide insight into the changes that took place in the lives of African Ameri-



Earl Klatzel paints images of world famous blues and jazz artists. February is Black History Month

cans after slavery ended.

His latest painting is of Dave "Honeyboy" Edwards, a 93-year-old blues musician still touring today. After meeting him at Calgary's Red Onion two years ago, Klatzel knew Edwards had to be his next portrait.

"The guy was just so unbelievable to talk to," he said. "The stories he had —

amazing. After that I was just so inspired."

Another element of African-American music is inspiring a performance at the EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts tomorrow.

A sampling of "train" songs from over 250 years will be played by gospel singer Paul Gardener, popular bassist and guitarist

Mojo Williams, keyboardist and singer Craig Hayes and rising young star Dallas Hayes-Sparks.

"It's a part of our creative communities program dedicated to both enhancing community and celebrating the various communities within our city, ethnic and otherwise," said Anna Blaxley with the EPCOR Centre.



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Canada

Cancer can impact the lives of younger people

JENNIFER HILLIKER
for Metro Calgary

HEALTH The day before her 24th birthday, Jamie Carswell was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Still struggling to beat the disease, today Carswell wants to make people aware that even young people are susceptible to cancer.

Her message coincides with today being World Cancer Day.

"I was always trying to get something done and not taking the time for myself," said Carswell, who was training to become an RCMP officer when the cancer developed. The lump she felt while training was misdi-

"People have to listen to their bodies. They have to check on things and not be worried about having to go to the doctor."

Jamie Carswell, 24-year-old with cancer

agnosed as torn muscle.

After graduation from the program, she found out the truth.

"People have to listen to their bodies. They have to check on things and not be worried about having to go to the doctor. Change the way that you're living."

News in brief

FIRE Two firefighters fell through the floor of a home at 1213 1 St. SW while battling a blaze at the unoccupied residence yesterday at 6:40 a.m. The fire, which investigators say started as a result of an electrical malfunction on a light they believe had been tampered with, started in the shed and caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage. One firefighter was treated and released by Calgary EMS on scene.

CRIME A man who was convicted of sexually assaulting a young woman working in a northwest tanning salon is one step closer to becoming labeled a long-term or dangerous offender. Yesterday Crown prosecutor Jonathon Hak told a Calgary judge of his intentions for Marcel Joseph Parent to get the designation for the Jan. 15, 2008 attack. The Crown's application must be approved by the Alberta Solicitor General. **METRO CALGARY**

Melnik to pay \$1M fine

Biovail founder Eugene Melnyk has agreed to pay a \$1,000,001 fine in connection with a fraudulent accounting charge in the U.S. **REUTERS**

Canada

Tory budget passes

Liberals support bill, but N.L. MPs break ranks

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's prescription for lifting Canada out of recession — a \$40-billion stimulus package — has passed a key political test, prolonging the life of his minority government and sending federal coffers deep into deficit.

The budget passed last night in a 211-91 vote, thanks to the grudging support of the Liberals who backed the Conservatives against the opposition of New Democrats and the Bloc Québécois.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff was reluctant to force an election in the face of economic downturn. Instead, he has warned that the Conservatives are on "probation" and is demanding regular progress reports on the status of the stimulus package as a condition of his continuing support.

Double standard?

• Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe last night accused Ignatieff of a "double standard," noting that Que-

bec has voiced similar complaints about federal funding cuts yet no Quebec Liberal opposed the budget.

But six Liberal MPs from Newfoundland and Labrador broke ranks with their party and opposed the budget, charging that it short-changes their province by more than \$1 billion.

Their mini-revolt posed the first test to Ignatieff's fledgling leadership. However before the vote, Ignatieff struck a compromise, saying he would permit the MPs a "one-time" show of protest after four of them vowed to oppose it anyway.

"I decided to permit them in the budget vote ... a one-time vote of protest to signal their displeasure and

my displeasure at these unilateral actions which in my view weaken our federation," Ignatieff said, ruling out disciplinary measures against the MPs.

"This is not about Michael Ignatieff and it's not about the Liberal caucus," he said when asked what his decision reveals about his leadership style.

Ignatieff said he twice asked Harper to "pause" the changes to provincial funding to give time to resolve Newfoundland's complaints.

"He said no," Ignatieff said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Obama hopes to avoid trade war

STIMULUS U.S. President Barack Obama has signalled a possible truce in a looming trade war with Canada and other nations, warning that Washington's economic stimulus package must not contain protectionist language.

"I agree that we can't send a protectionist message," Obama said in an interview with Fox News yesterday.

That important signal was welcomed last night on Parliament Hill, where

federal officials have been working to neutralize the possibility of a bruising — and costly — trade war with Washington, sparked by "Buy American" clauses in Obama's massive stimulus package.

"I think that's a good signal. That accords with our understanding of things," Industry Minister Tony Clement told reporters, as he emerged from the Commons, following last night's budget vote.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CFB Trenton Repatriation



Family members place flowers on the casket of Sapper Sean Greenfield yesterday at Canadian Forces Base Trenton. Arriving home today, Greenfield, from 2 Combat Engineer Regiment based at CFB Petawawa, was killed in Afghanistan on Jan. 31, when his armoured vehicle struck a roadside bomb.

News in brief

UN Canada should strengthen its domestic violence laws and stop religious discrimination against Muslims, a UN body heard yesterday. Germany, Russia and China are among the other countries facing a review this month, under a process that is meant to ensure all UN members are held to account for their rights records.

DEATHS Montreal's mayor promised to do everything possible to ensure the safety of pedestrians after three elderly people were killed within hours of each other in two accidents with snow removal trucks yesterday in the city. Both accidents involved trucks that were contracted by the city.

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Budgeting backwards

Stimulus lacks investment where most women work

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As the dust settles after the much-anticipated delivery of budget 2009, one troubling feature is emerging: Despite the fact that women constitute 47.4 per cent — almost half — of the national workforce, the vast majority of the billions of stimulus dollars targeted for job creation favours men. And the margin is huge — whether in housing, construction, forestry, autos or manufacturing.

But it's not just women who should be concerned: By failing to address the worst economic crisis in decades within a fair and equitable framework, the budget illustrates a serious lack of forward-thinking at a time when we need to restructure the Canadian

economy around industries based on innovative technological advances and our vibrant service sectors — major employers of women.

Budget 2009 has been called everything from "historic" to "inadequate" to "excessive" to "the end of conservatism." It is none of these things. It is vintage Stephen Harper: A mish-mash of mainly short-term job creation and credit-easing initiatives aimed at holding onto power and responding to the most basic expectations of frustrated Canadians who most certainly did not want an election or a repetition of the pre-Christmas hysterics.

To the extent the budget even considers the future, it does so through a rearview mirror: Short-

sightedly subsidizing — rather than transforming — declining sectors like the auto industry; failing to adequately adapt Employment Insurance and other social security provisions to the current challenging environment; and concentrating the stimulus spending primarily on physical infrastructure, however important.

Yet our social infrastructure — underpinning our all-important service sector where the vast majority of women (and Canadians) work — requires just as much attention as our decaying physical infrastructure. At a minimum, significant new long-term public investment is required in scientific innovation and basic research, in education at all levels, in child care, geriatric care, community and social services. This will go far to support our most important national asset — our human capital — and ensure that we pull out of this crisis with a greener, more sustainable economy, and an educated, more productive workforce employed in 21st-century industries. Moreover, investing in women is smart economics according to participants at the recent World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, from Nike's chief executive, to the head of UNICEF, to Melinda Gates. This holds true as much for developed countries like Canada as it does for developing countries.

Let us hope the women of Canada, who represent not only half the workforce but also half of the electorate, remember the inadequacies of this budget and this government, at the next election.

Deborah Coyne is a public policy consultant who blogs at canadianswithoutborders.blogspot.com. She also ran as a Liberal candidate in the 2006 federal election.



Word on the street: What gets you through winter?

Nebojsa Novakovic

Age 27, Calgary

A: I'm from Winnipeg, so I got used to the cold ... People complain about the winter. They can move south if it's too cold here.

Sean Gareau

Age 23, Calgary

A: Thinkin' about summer ... warm thoughts.

Cheryl Allers

Age 51, Edmonton

A: I usually go away to help break up the winter to somewhere warm ... like Hawaii or Mexico.

Jordan Campbell

Age 24, Edmonton

A: I don't mind the winter because I love to snowmobile.

Vanessa Turner

Age 20, Halifax

A: Tomato soup and Chapstick. Good movies, too — to get away from school.

Sun-ae Oh

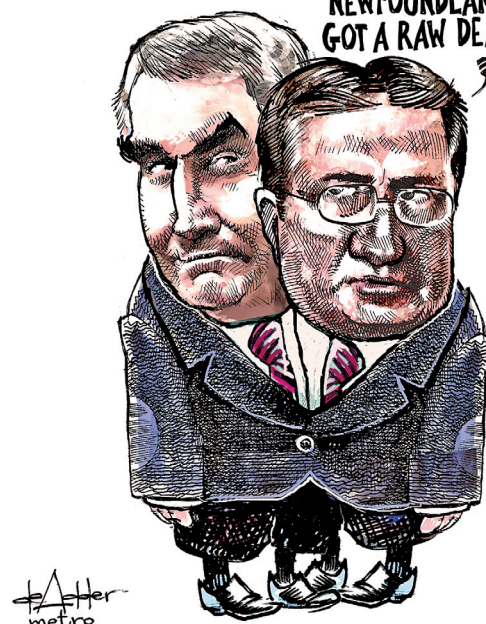
Age 28, Vancouver

A: I go snowboarding on Grouse Mountain or Whistler, or catch a movie. There's not much to do in the city in the winter.



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Letters

University should defend free speech, not bar it

Re: Pro-life protesters charged (Feb. 3).

I can't believe the University of Calgary would go as low as to arrest students for trespassing.

I mean, I neither agree with the students' message nor their delivery, but I do appreciate that a university should be a place where free speech is maintained as a sacred ideal, where radical views can be debated openly and honestly.

What can we do to hold the university accountable for suppressing freedom of thought and expression?

These are the very values

that any academic institution should defend at all costs. **LOUIS POIRIER, CALGARY**

Free speech costly on U of C campus?

How low can higher education in this country and at University of Calgary go?

Overwhelmingly, leftist administrators, professors, student governments and unions impose censorship that is normally reserved only in dictatorships overseas.

It seems freedom isn't free since all these university students must keep paying the price to express free speech via their tuition fees.

ROB ALLEN, CALGARY

Quote of the Day

"This shocking revelation ... provides compelling proof that social networking sites remain rife with sexual predators."

— Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal after MySpace revealed it had barred 90,000 registered sex offenders from using the social networking site over two years. **REUTERS**

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Goddess makes comeback

French carmaker Peugeot-Citroen plans to relaunch its iconic DS limousine, vehicle of French presidents and important element to films such as The Day of the Jackal. The car, known as The Goddess from a pun on its initials, will be on sale from 2010. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Mutual funds off to rocky start in RRSP buying season

INVESTING The mutual fund industry may be off to a rocky start for the Registered Retirement Savings Plan season.

The Investment Funds Institute of Canada estimates that mutual fund sales were between \$660 million and \$1.16 billion in January.

The figures show that money market funds,

short-term investments that investors typically hold for about 10 months, comprised the bulk of sales for January.

Investors, however, still seem to be pulling money out of long-term mutual funds, though at a slower rate than they have been in previous months.

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Sunrise oilsands project presses on

OIL BP Plc and Husky Energy still aim to go ahead with the \$10-billion Sunrise oilsands project, with BP's head saying a final decision on the plan is expected next year, even as most other projects in the high-cost region are delayed or cancelled because of low oil prices.

BP and Husky each have a 50 per cent stake in the nine-billion-barrel project.

The first 60,000-barrel-a-day phase has been targeted for startup in 2012.

REUTERS

GM plant to close as sales plunge?

AUTOS Gloomy sales numbers at General Motors Corp. could lead to the closure of its Oshawa, Ont., plant, a senior union official suggested, as the company's sales plunged 46.6 per cent to 14,254 last month — a 20-year low.

Chris Buckley, president of Canadian Auto Workers Local 222 of Oshawa, said GM could close its remaining Canadian operations if workers don't accept concessions soon. GM declined to comment.

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Taiwan Praying for change



Workers place incense sticks after praying outside their company's building in Taipei yesterday, after going back to work following the Chinese New Year holidays. Taiwan will boost its economic stimulus program by up to 30 per cent to around \$4.75 billion Cdn as it tries to bring down its jobless rate.

PICH CHANG/REUTERS

Air Canada boosts Calgary service

AIRLINE Air Canada introduced four new non-stop routes yesterday, including Calgary's only daily non-stop flight to San Diego, starting May 15.

Flights will also be added to London, Ont., and sea-

sonal service to Whitehorse, Yukon, on June 1. Starting June 15, new non-stop flights to Portland, Ore., will commence.

That makes 34 cities Air Canada now flies to from Calgary.

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Credit card debts weigh on issuers

Credit card losses could hit \$800M

Amid fresh evidence cash-strapped Canadian consumers are taking longer to pay off their credit cards, another major financial institution has moved to tighten up its lending practices.

Amex Bank of Canada told cardholders that the rates of interest on some American Express cards will rise between one and three percentage points to as much as 21.99 per cent, effective Feb. 11. Amex blamed "substantially" increased costs of borrowing for the move, which follows leads by card issuers Canadian Tire and TD Bank.

The change comes as Deloitte & Touche projects credit card losses in Canada could climb by as much as \$800 million this year if present trends continue.

Consumer view

• The Canadian Community Reinvestment Coalition, a bank watchdog, said banks should submit audits to the government to prove they are not "gouging" consumers and businesses through interest rates.

Canadians' debt-to-disposable income ratio, now at 130 per cent, exceeds U.S. levels, a Deloitte partner noted, while the value of all outstanding card balances has climbed 40 per cent since 2004.

Meanwhile, more consumers are taking longer to pay off their debt, raising the risk of defaults to lenders, the Deloitte rep said.

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Business in brief

NUCLEAR Two unions representing builders and power-system workers now say they would be equally happy if France's Areva SA constructed a nuclear plant in Ontario, after previously favouring Canada's AECL Candu technology.

TAKEOVER Research in Motion has resumed its efforts to acquire encryption technology maker Certicom, with a sweetened \$3 a share offer, double its initial bid. That values the company at about \$131 million.

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Nielsen Media Research said 98.7 million Americans, on average, were watching Pittsburgh's 27-23 Super Bowl victory Sunday night. That beats the 97.5 million who watched the 2008 game. In Canada, CTV carried the game and attracted an average audience of 3.6 million viewers, which was down from the 4.167 million who tuned in for the 2008 game. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Stars shoot past Flames

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THE SKINNY: Mike Richards and James Neal each had a goal and an assist to lead the Dallas Stars to their fifth straight win, while the Flames lost their second in as many nights on the road.

THE QUOTE: "Two points are huge in such a tight pack (in the standings)," Neal told Rogers Sportsnet.

THE QUICK START: For the second straight game, the Flames hit the scoreboard first, this time as Michael Cammalleri put the visitors up 1-0 at 6:52 of the opening frame during a Calgary power play.

No luck in Big D

• Dallas is 7-1-1 in its past nine home games with Calgary.



The Stars' Mike Modano skates past Calgary's Davis Moss during second period play in Dallas last night. The Stars handed the Flames their second straight loss, 3-1.

THE WORKHORSES: The game featured a battle of the top two NHL netminders in terms of ice time. Dallas goalie Marty Turco, who sits second in minutes played behind Miikka Kiprusoff, stopped 24 of 25 shots for his 23rd win of the season. Kiprusoff kept the Flames in the game with 30 saves, sev-

eral of the spectacular variety.

GOING POSTAL: Dallas blueliner Stephane Robidas blasted a point shot off the left post behind Kiprusoff during a man advantage. A short time later, Richards counted an insurance marker to send the fans at American Airlines Center in Dallas

home happy.

THE NEXT GAME: The Flames will look to get back to their winning ways when they begin a three-game homestand on Thursday night (7:30 p.m., TSN, Fan 960) when the Chicago Blackhawks pay a visit to the Pengrowth Saddledome.

Phelps pot charge possible

U.S. Olympic swimming hero Michael Phelps could face criminal charges as part of the fallout from a November photograph showing him smoking from a marijuana pipe at a University of South Carolina house party. A spokesman for Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, known for his tough stance on drugs, said yesterday the department was investigating. Phelps apologized for his actions Monday.

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Tillman charged with sexual assault

Saskatchewan Roughriders general manager Eric Tillman has been put on leave while he faces a charge of sexual assault.

Riders president Jim Hopson said Tillman's assistants will replace him until the legal process is completed.

Saskatchewan police say their charge against Tillman stems from an alleged encounter with a 16-year-old girl last summer in Regina. Tillman, 51, was arrested on Jan. 27.

Police spokesperson Elizabeth Popowich said an assault is believed to have occurred on Aug. 6 and was reported to police three days later.

Tillman, a native of Jackson, Miss., and the son of a minister, has been involved in football for nearly 30 years. The married father of two young children graduated from Ole Miss in



Tillman

1979 with a journalism degree.

He joined the Riders in August 2006, replacing the fired Roy Shivers, and

had the mandate of trying to change the culture of a team that was developing a tarnished image within the Saskatchewan capital.

Tillman's deft moves and tough budgetary decisions helped put the emphasis back on the field and away from the courts. His efforts were rewarded in 2007, when the Riders won the Grey Cup, their first since 1989 and third overall.

Tillman also has served as GM of the B.C. Lions and Toronto Argonauts. He also worked as a television analyst with TSN and Rogers Sportsnet.

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Sports in brief

CFL The CFL will kick off its 2009 season on Canada Day, July 1, with a pair of games, including a Grey Cup rematch in Calgary between the Stampeders and Montreal Alouettes. The Stamps-Als match will follow

one pitting the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in Toronto against the Argonauts. The Edmonton Eskimos will meet the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on July 2 while the Saskatchewan Roughriders play B.C. July 3. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sixburgh celebrates Steelers

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Lindros out as ombudsman

NHL The NHL Players Association refused to say why publicly, but its high-profile ombudsman is no longer in office. Eric Lindros "has resigned" from his position, an NHLPA release said yesterday. Sources told Metro last month that he and his fellow executives were unhappy with Lindros. A former NHL superstar, Lindros became union ombudsman when the union restructured after firing Ted Saskin as executive director in 2007. The ombudsman's position was created as part of the rewritten NHLPA constitution to resolve any complaints by members and/or staff of the union, reporting directly to the executive board.

Paul Kelly was hired as NHLPA chief after the ombudsman position was created. The union would not say whether a new ombudsman would be hired.

Father of golfer pleads guilty

GOLF The father of teenage pro golfer Tadd Fujikawa pleaded guilty to drug trafficking yesterday.

Derrick Fujikawa pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree methamphetamine trafficking in Hawaii. Tadd Fujikawa turned pro at 16 after becoming the youngest player in 50 years to make the cut on the PGA Tour, playing in the 2007 Sony Open.

Swoopes' career likely over

WNBA Sheryl Swoopes may have played her last game in the WNBA. The Seattle Storm waived the three-time league MVP and three-time Olympic gold medalist a day before her 2009 contract would have become guaranteed.

Swoopes is 37 and might now pursue something she's talked about since September — coaching and being a full-time mother. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Deck stacked against Cards

Only a remarkable touchdown catch with 35 seconds remaining prevented them from winning the Super Bowl Sunday, but the Arizona Cardinals still haven't impressed the oddsmakers.

In fact, 17 NFL teams are being favoured ahead of the Cards for next season's championship.

The 2010 Super Bowl odds, released yesterday, list the Cards as 30-to-1 longshots. The New England Patriots, at 8-to-1, are favoured to prevail, followed by the Dallas Cowboys, at 9-to-1. Then come the new champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and their Super Bowl-winning predecessors, the New York Giants — both at 10-to-1.

They're followed by the Indianapolis Colts and San Diego Chargers (12-to-1), Baltimore Ravens (14-to-1), Tennessee Titans (16-to-1), Carolina Panthers and Philadelphia Eagles (18-to-1), New Orleans Saints (20-to-1), and the Atlanta Falcons, Green Bay Packers, Minnesota Vikings, Denver Broncos, Jacksonville Jaguars and New York Jets (all at 25-to-1).

- The Cards may command more respect if the oddsmakers were sure 37-

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year-old quarterback **Kurt Warner** would re-sign with them. He's a free agent, hemming and hawing about returning to Arizona, but wife **Brenda Warner** has publicly encouraged him to retire to devote himself to their seven children and strong Christian faith ... NBC showed Brenda four times during Sunday's broadcast, incidentally, so you won the prop bet if you wagered on over the 3.5 ... **Santonio Holmes**, who made the aforementioned TD catch (in triple coverage) for the Steelers' last-minute triumph and was chosen the game's MVP, received a new Cadillac, although financially troubled General Motors asked the NFL to refrain from publicizing the gift ... Holmes needs to brush up on his football lore. Twice, he referred to the Super Bowl trophy, named after legendary NFL coach **Vince Lombardi**, as the "Dick Lombardi" trophy.

- We reported here in

December that **Eric Lindros**' days as ombudsman of the NHLPA were numbered because of complaints about his behaviour and his work (or lack of same) — and, yesterday, the players' association officially announced his departure as "a resignation" ... there's trouble, too, in Vancouver — in-fighting, finger-pointing, second-guessing (like, why sign **Mats Sundin** for zillions?) — and don't be surprised if Canucks coach **Alain Vigneault** soon becomes the fall guy, just as **Craig Hartsburg** was when fired by Ottawa Monday ... puzzling me equally these days: **Bryan Murray** staying on as Senators general manager while good hockey men (**John Muckler**, **John Paddock**, **Hartsburg**) are turned into scapegoats, **Craig MacTavish** sticking around as coach of the underachieving Edmonton Oilers, and the Toronto Argonauts hiring a bunch of new coaches with virtually no CFL experience.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

NBA 2010 boys face off



The Cavaliers' LeBron James grabs a rebound over Toronto's Chris Bosh last night. Cleveland clobbered the Raptors 101-83, handing Toronto their third straight loss.

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Auto dealers and media experts have joined forces to launch a new used-car website, [autohound.ca](#). The site focuses exclusively on pre-owned vehicle buyers, and includes video tours and pictures of vehicles, easier search tools, warranty information and condition reports.

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Economical choice

Frugal Chevy Aveo5 doesn't skimp out on style

JIM KERR
for Metro Canada

The 2009 Aveo (sedan) and Aveo5 (five-door hatchback) have a new exterior design, with swoopy body lines cutting across the body. I prefer the hatchback with its squared off back end and larger cargo space. Compact outside, with only a 3,938 mm overall length, there is good room inside for four large adults and cargo. The 60/40 split rear seat folds and tumbles forward to provide 1190 litres of cargo room, which is practical and useful.

Outside, the new front end shows the Chevy family resemblance similar to the new Malibu, with a smaller grille above the bumper and

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- Improved fuel economy
- Compact but roomy design

a large air intake below the bumper. Large lights front and rear stand out on the Aveo5 and the front fog lights add a sporty touch. The small grilles on the front fenders just in front of the doors look like an afterthought but seem to be the “in thing” with many new

vehicles.

Inside, the two-tone cloth seats look nice and fit me well. The same cloth is used as inserts on the door panels and it is a nice touch in a price range where you would expect all plastic.

The interior styling is new, with bright trim on the doors, dash and steering wheel that complement each other. The round gauges are large and easy to read, and our car came with air conditioning and an optional automatic transmission. A five-speed manual gearbox is standard equipment. Above the driver's door, there is a spring-loaded case for handy access to those sunglasses.

The Aveo5 is available in LS and LT trim. We tested the upper LT trim level.



The 2009 Chevy Aveo5.

The corporate GM radio fits nicely into the dash and our car had optional XM satellite radio as well as GM's OnStar (standard on LT models).

Other new features include variable intermittent wipers and oil life monitoring system, so you can save some maintenance money by getting oil changes only when needed.

An all new 1.6 litre Ecotec four cylinder engine powers the '09 Aveo models. With variable valve timing, the engine puts out 105 horsepower. This number isn't large, but it moves the Aveo5 smartly away from a stop or when passing on the highway. You don't need as much horsepower if you can keep the weight down. Fuel economy is also excellent. It

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Ready to take off

Dream of flying cars?
They may soon come true

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Metro World News



For years inventors have been looking for a way to get cars in the air.

Recently, the Parajet Skycar made its maiden voyage from London to Tim-

buktu, and its inventors are claiming that it's the first flying car to take to the road — and the air.

Hailed as the first two-seater, high-performance, road legal, bio-fuelled flying car, the Skycar is really an off-road buggy with a



The Parajet Skycar can achieve speeds up to 180 km/h.



The Terrafugia Transition fills up with gas. Once loaded, it can fly at a height of 1,700 feet.

“wing” that turns it into a glider. Still, apparently it can reach 0-100kph in 4.5 seconds, and in “fly mode” gets up to 110km/h at an altitude of 3,000 feet, so it will be indispensable for hopping over the Sahara. This is only a prototype but you can still buy a slice of the future from Parajet — they also sell personal jet packs. (parajet.com)

Really what you want a flying car to be is a roadworthy contraption that unfurls like a Transformer to

become an aircraft that takes off from tiny local airports. Moller International has been trying to get their skycar off the ground for years (moller.com). They're still testing their 8-engine “vertical takeoff and landing vehicle” (VTOL), the M400, which looks like a folding light aircraft.

Moller claims the car can take off from just 10 metres squared and cover more than 1,200 km. Still at prototype stage, they hope to launch later this year.

Up to speed

- **Parajet Skycar**
180 km/h, 15,000 ft
- **Moller M400**
579 km/h, 36,000 ft
- **Terrafugia**
185 km/h, 1,700 ft
- **Pal-V**
180 km/h, 4,000 ft

The three-wheel Pal-V — personal air and land vehicle — is a cross between a motorbike, gyrocopter and

car (pal-v.com), set to launch in 2011.

Meanwhile, the wings of the two-seater Terrafugia Transition Roadable Aircraft take just 30 seconds to fold up, allowing it to be driven like a car. You'll need a Sport Pilot licence as well as your driver's licence for this drivable plane.

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Happy 500th

This year is the 500th anniversary of Henry VIII's accession to the throne and Windsor Castle — where the king and his third and favourite wife, Jane Seymour, are buried — will mark the occasion with a special exhibit in April. It will include works by the king's painter, Hans Holbein the Younger, and other paintings, miniatures, prints and books from the royal collection and the archives of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. See royalcollection.org.uk. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Romance done right

Paris is undoubtedly magical, but help Cupid out with a bit of planning

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Metro World News



It's no secret that Paris is one of the planet's most romantic spots. But while the city's magical ambience can work wonders, it never hurts to give romance a helping hand. Here are suggestions for planning your perfect getaway à deux:

Designer in Beaubourg

Right in the heart of the city, Beaubourg is the area around the famous Pompidou cultural centre. It's strolling distance from the major sights along the Rue de Rivoli; the

romantic alleys of the Marais area with its boutiques and trendy, cosy cafés; the fabulous restaurants of the Étienne Marcel area; and the mainstream stores at Les Halles and the majestic department stores Printemps and Galeries Lafayette on the Grand Boulevards.

Where to stay: A Great Apartment in Paris, a unique studio apartment lovingly furnished with designer lamps, organic bedlinen, handcrafted tiles, flat-screen TV and beautiful window box gives you a taste of Parisian life. From about \$125 per night; visit



Above left, a reflection of the Louis XV room at the Hotel de Crillon. Right, the Cristal Rooms are a perfect spot to propose.



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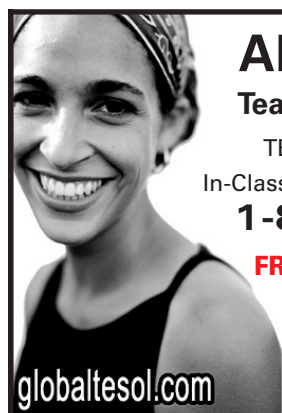


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Romantic dinner: Restaurant Georges, the utterly chic restaurant on the top floor of the Centre Pompidou, with fabulous views over the city from the terrace; centrepompidou.fr.

Where to propose: The sumptuous Philippe Stark-designed Cristal Rooms restaurant at the "hotel particulier" dedicated to prestigious crystalware manufacturers, Baccarat; baccarat.com.

Absolute classic Paris

For the ultimate wow factor, spend a weekend at the Hotel de Crillon at Place de la Concorde, the huge square flanked by four key sights — the Seine to the south, the Champs Élysées to the west, the romantic Jardin des Tuileries on its east side and the grand

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opera house a block north.

Go shopping in the high-fashion boutiques along rue St. Honoré and hip designer department store Colette. Stroll through the Tuileries to an exhibition at the Louvre and pause for a coffee in the formal gardens of the intimate Jardins du Palais Royal. Reward yourself with mouth-watering Ladurée macaroons from their shop on Place de la Madeleine; laduree.fr.

Where to stay: Treat your lover like royalty with a stay at the luxurious Hotel de Crillon, the most majestic hotel in the city, overlooking the breathtaking Place de la Concorde, with views over the city to the river and the Eiffel Tower.

From about \$1,220; crillon.com.

Romantic dinner: If you've splashed out for the Crillon, go the whole way and stay for the memorable dinner experience at Les Ambassadeurs, the hotel's two-Michelin-starred restaurant. From about \$475 per person. **Where to propose:** Pont Alexandre III, one of the most ornate bridges over the Seine.

Intellectual on the Left Bank

An obvious choice here is a walk around the stunning gardens at Jardins de Luxembourg. Stop for a coffee and watch the entertainment, then walk all the way along the famous Boulevard St. Germain, taking in typically Parisian stores including luxury candle makers Dyptique. At the other end you'll find

the city's beautiful botanical gardens, the Jardin des Plantes.

Where to stay: Right opposite the famous Left Bank university, Hotel de la Sorbonne has stylish, cosy rooms with hip designer furniture and sumptuous fabrics in bright or sultry colours — the perfect setting for seduction. Each room has a Mac with unlimited free Internet, so you can set the musical mood or browse for places to go. From about \$158, discounts online, hotelsorbonne.com.

Romantic dinner: Cosy up in the romantic, classic atmosphere of Closerie des Lilas, a classic Paris restaurant once frequented by the likes of Hemingway; closeriedeslilas.fr.

Where to propose: The secret gallery at the top of the cupola of the Pantheon.

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George Clooney isn't the only ER alum putting on those scrubs again. Original cast member Anthony Edwards tells Usmagazine.com that Julianna Margulies will likely return as well as the show films its final season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Entertainment

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**Oscar date**

Anne Hathaway, nominated for an Academy Award for *Rachel Getting Married*, wants to make the Oscars a family affair. "I'm taking my dad," she said earlier this week. **PEOPLE.COM**

Nickelback leads Juno pack

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada**Nickelback is feeling the Juno love.**

The Alberta rockers are on top with nominations for five Juno Awards, including the Juno fan choice award, single of the year for Gotta Be Somebody and album of the year for Dark Horse. The nominees for Canada's highest prize in music were announced at a press conference in Toronto yesterday. The winners will be announced at the 2009 Juno Awards, set to take place on March 29 in Vancouver and broadcast live on CTV.

Pickering, Ont., singer-songwriter Sarah Slean and members of The Stills and Saint Alvia were on-hand to unveil the contenders, along with comedian and last year's host Russell Peters, who was cracking jokes about the gala he returns to host this year.

"It's Vancouver. What can I say?" he said. "That's the city it's going to be in and Vancouver's one of those cities where you can pretty much have a good time without the Juno Awards."

**nominations**

• Notable Alberta nominees include **Feist** (Juno fan choice award); **Nickelback** (Juno fan choice award, album of the

year); **k.d. lang** (artist of the year) • To see the complete list of Juno nominees go to metronews.ca/music

Performers at the show include Montreal pop-punks Simple Plan, Nickelback, City And Colour and Vancouver singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan.

Other Canadian artists

were also tipped for multiple nominations. Montreal singer-songwriter Sam Roberts earned four nods, including artist of the year, rock album of the year for Love At The End Of The

**Canada's Music Awards
JUNO Awards**

Comedian Russell Peters, left, is back to host the Juno Awards. Meanwhile, Nickelback, above, and City and Colour (Dallas Green), right, are scheduled to perform.



World, and two nominations for video of the year for Detroit '67 and Them Kids. Celine Dion has three nominations (Juno fan choice, single of the year for Taking Chances and music DVD of the year for Live In Las Vegas — A New Day) along with Burnaby, B.C., rockers Hedley (Juno fan choice, album of the year for Famous Last Words and songwriter of the year). "This year's extensive list

of nominees reflects the sensational cross-section of musical talent from across our country," said Melanie Berry, president of The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS). "Canadian music is dominated by the highest quality musical standards and is renowned for its variety ... Nothing is more uniting than music. Music is the universal language."

Voultosos kicked off Runway

RAF BRUSLOW
for Metro Canada

Montreal designer Margarita Voultosos was the second person sent home from Project Runway Canada last night with a dress that was too sexual and not sophisticated enough.

Her stretchy black dress with a high slit over one thigh failed to impress the judges and prompted host Iman to suggest the "ho trend" in fashion is over.

Last night's episode upped the ante as well-loved Canadian actress Elisha Cuthbert stepped in as guest judge. Designers had to create an evening dress for Cuthbert that would be worthy of any red carpet.

Hamilton designer Jason Meyers, 31, did a turnabout with his stylish and regal black dress, winning the challenge after having been in the bottom two last week.

"I've never designed anything for a celebrity before — I do streetwear," Voultosos said.

A romantic comedy reality check

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

It's the break of dawn and John Cusack, playing a fit teenage hunk wearing a trenchcoat and high tops, holds up a ghetto blaster, and blasts Peter Gabriel's In Your Eyes into the air and his crush's bedroom.

This scene from Cameron Crowe's *Say Anything* is so romantic it immediately melted hearts across the continent; but it's also just a touch unrealistic. Any woman who's been waiting since 1989 for her knight in shining armour to come along and pull this stunt, might be waiting a very long time.

But, some experts warn romantic comedies can create unrealistic expectations for relationships.

Kateryna Spiwak, a Toronto-based dating coach, says flicks like this usually end up with the



Actresses Drew Barrymore and Scarlett Johansson star in the new romantic comedy *He's Just Not That Into You*.

couple living "happily ever after" and suggest that no more work is required to maintain the relationship — that love conquers all.

"And that a couple in love won't encounter any problems in their relationship," she said.

There's also the suggestion that there's such thing as "the perfect man"

— someone who will effortlessly meet all your needs simply by virtue of being with you, she said.

Referencing this Friday's movie release *He's Just Not That Into You*, based on bestselling self-help book of the same name, Spiwak said it's good for women (and men) to know some of the signs of a bad relation-

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ship, but it's also important to remember that every situation is different and not to follow anyone's "rules" too strictly. Just don't fall into the trap of thinking you're going to just find the "perfect" person and not have to work at it, she said.

Researchers at Heriot Watt University in Scotland had similar views on romantic comedies in a recent study that showed how "rom-coms" can spoil real-life relationships.

Echoing Spiwak's thoughts, Dr. Bjorne Holmes, director of research at the school's family and personal relationships lab, said people who watch romantic comedies are mistakenly led to believe that the "right" person will come along and know exactly what you want without having to ask.

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TV can be a bummer

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IT'S KIND OF OBVIOUS: You don't need to be a TV critic to know that TV can be a bummer, but a new medical study quoted in a Los Angeles Times science story yesterday suggests that the condition might actually be chronic.

Researchers at Harvard Medical School and the University of Pittsburgh studied over 4,000 adolescents and concluded that each additional daily hour of television increased the odds of becoming depressed by eight per cent, a result not matched by time spent with video games or the computer.

Now, there's a lot wrong with this sort of study that's plain even to the untrained eye, starting with the fact that the

"It could be argued that people with the predilection for later development of depression also happen to have a predilection for watching lots of TV."

Dr. Brian Primack,
University of Pittsburgh

subjects were teenagers, who have a lot to be depressed about, especially if you ask them.

The study's authors even admitted that the evidence linking TV to depression was, on the whole, largely circumstantial.

"It could be argued that people with the predilection for later development of depression also happen to have a predilection for watching lots of TV," said Dr. Brian Primack of the University of Pittsburgh's Centre for Research on

Health Care.

The Times article also noted that the study was conducted over seven years, from 1995 to 2002, which just happens to be precisely when The Drew Carey Show was in production.

Draw your own conclusions, but I'm just putting it out there.

In other glaringly obvious news, the U.K.'s Daily Mail tabloid reported that a new Big Brother-style reality show featuring 20 boys and girls between eight and 12 has attracted controversy, as

the kids, who spent two weeks together isolated in six stone cottages in Cornwall without their parents, began bullying and physically threatening each other.

It didn't take long for the boys to descend into violence, with one boy attacking another with a garden rake, and a third pulling a knife. The girls just as quickly began taunting and intimidating each other, the older ones picking on the younger, and an eight-year-old was filmed sobbing and pleading for her parents to take her home.

One has to wonder why Channel Four, the producer, is hiring childless people to produce shows with kids, as any parent could have predicted this inevitable outcome.

A crowded bunny hutch and a bag of starving ermines would have produced much the same result.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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critics' corner

The Exterminators

Some enterprising cable mogul should start up a network devoted to shows like this; call it "The Ewww! Channel." As if Discovery's "Vermimators" weren't enough, here comes another unscripted series about a pest-control company. If you enjoy watching people go to war with ants, snakes, bees, raccoons, roaches and other unwelcome creatures, knock yourself out. Just be warned that this is a family business, so even when they're not vanquishing vermin, Billy Bretherton and his relatives bring the family drama back at the office, a la "American Chopper." Oh, joy. 8:30 PM on A&E



Chop Shop

No, they don't dismantle cars for parts. This Chop Shop is a hair salon in downtown Vancouver's funky Granville Strip. This new unscripted series takes viewers inside this little salon where rock 'n' roll is more than just the background music; it's the attitude of the place. Hold on to your headbands; things could get a little crazy. 6 PM on SI C

Girls Gone Wild creator arrested

LOS ANGELES Girls Gone Wild founder Joe Francis has been arrested in Los Angeles after he showed up five hours late for a court hearing in his tax-evasion case.

When the adult-video entrepreneur finally appeared in court Monday afternoon, he told the judge he was suffering from the flu.

Francis' lawyer Melissa Weinberger says U.S. marshals then handcuffed Francis and took him away.

Francis is accused of claiming more than \$20 million in bogus business expenses on his corporate tax returns, including \$3.8 million for a home in Mexico and \$10.4 million in phoney consulting services.

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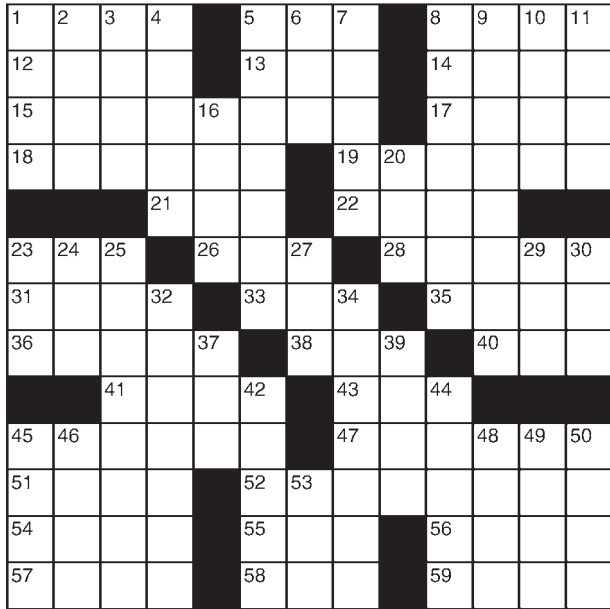
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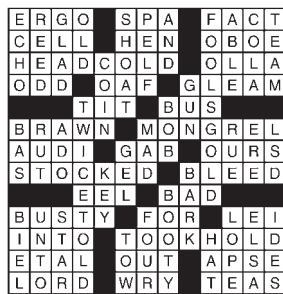
Crossword across

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| 1 Pronto, on a memo | 21 Mimic | 45 Garment with something to say? |
| 5 Section of L.A.? Fashion | 22 Riga resident | 47 Realm |
| 12 — fide (in bad faith) | 23 Bachelor's last utterance | 51 Extended period? |
| 13 Descartes' conclusion | 26 Doctrine | 52 Illegal football plays |
| 14 Out there someplace | 28 Velveeta maker | 54 Urban pall |
| 15 Drilling site | 31 Pompom | 55 Barack : Michelle : Herbert |
| 17 Small salamanders | 33 Drunkard | : — |
| 18 A big-screen Batman | 35 Fairy tale baddie | 56 Bound |
| 19 Tenant | 36 Parlour furniture | 57 DIY buys |
| | 38 Fella | 58 Wiggly one |
| | 40 Storm center | 59 Kenny Rogers song |
| | 41 Vail gear | |
| | 43 Greek consonants | |

Crossword down

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| 1 Out of control | 25 Collateral branch | 49 Peruse |
| 2 Secure | 27 Unruly bunch | 50 Catch sight of |
| 3 — Romeo | 29 Saute | 53 Adversary |
| 4 Trattoria offering | 30 Links prop | |
| 5 Cub's mama | 32 Receipts in Britain | |
| 6 Skull tool | 34 Melodic | |
| 7 Olfactory stimulus | 37 Round Table address | |
| 8 Baton waver | 39 Vagrants | |
| 9 In the wings | 42 Pilfered | |
| 10 Social engagement | 44 Drinker's mishap | |
| 11 Gaelic | 45 Agenda entry | |
| 16 Arizona tribe | 46 Big rig | |
| 20 “A mouse!” | 48 Concept | |
| 23 “— Impossible” | | |
| 24 Pair with an air | | |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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4	1	5	8	6	9	7	3	2
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Sloppy Joes

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb (500 g) lean ground beef
 1 onion, finely chopped
 1 celery stalk, finely chopped
 1 green pepper, seeded and finely chopped
 14 oz (398 ml) can chopped tomatoes
 1 tbsp (15 ml) chili sauce, or to taste
 2 tsp (10 ml) Worcestershire sauce
 2 tsp (10 ml) cider vinegar
 Freshly ground black pepper
 4 buns, split and toasted

COLESLAW:

1 large carrot, peeled and cut into matchsticks
 5 1/3 cups white cabbage, finely shredded
 1 1/2 tbsp (20 ml) olive oil
 1 tbsp (15 ml) cider vinegar

METHOD:

1. Put meat in large non-stick frying pan over moderate heat and cook 4-5 minutes. Break up meat with wooden spatula.

When meat is no longer pink, add onion, celery and green pepper. Cook 5 minutes until vegetables are softened.
 2. Add tomatoes, chili sauce to taste, Worcestershire sauce, vinegar and black pepper. Cook 15-20 minutes, stirring often, until flavours are blended.
 3. Meanwhile, make coleslaw: Mix together carrot and cabbage in large bowl. Sprinkle with oil and vinegar and toss together.
 4. Put bottoms of toasted buns onto four plates and spoon meat mixture on top. Pile on coleslaw and cover with tops of buns. Serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Think of the consequences before getting involved in an argument. A perplexed person contacts you about their feelings.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Heed a friend's distress and be ready to stand up for justice. Have cash handy for your generous impulses.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Your finances need changing due to your new circumstances. A handshake is as good as a contract if you trust somebody.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Bless those who keep you out of trouble. Discuss your philosophy and tactics with your allies.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Pay attention to the rules and all will be well. You'll acknowledge the assistance of a loyal companion.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Problems are resolved when you do things properly. Talking with authority figures will give you satisfaction.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Elegant words can be stirring or completely hilarious. A serious person needs to get a sense of humour. A helpful man will make a special offer.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Look for someone with a key to the knowledge that you seek. Think long and hard before refusing an invitation.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Maintain your dignity to teach somebody to show respect. Stay balanced when an icy cheerfulness masks a rivalry.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

You have the strength of character to help someone. Excessive pride causes a buffoon to fall from grace.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Pleasure causes mayhem to erupt. Change patterns in your response to family members. You can reflect on someone's true nature.



PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

A great project will come back to life after a hiatus. Unexpected events will keep you hopping.



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1. Mightily jolts "The Simpsons" network (1)
 2. Karate school magic charm (2)
 3. Canny, straitlaced person (1)
 4. Banana-y or apple-y pirate's plunder (2)
 5. Plain, unadorned nun's headdress (2)
 6. One who orderly piles up Saltines (2)
 7. Michigan State team's egg boxes (2)

ANSWERS: 1. ROCKS FOR 2. DOJO MOJO 3. SHREWD PRUDE 4. FRUITY BOOTY 5. SIMPLE WIMPLE 6. CRACKER STACKER 7. SPARTAN CARTONS

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Miley Cyrus says her mom's black Porsche — which she inherited around her 16th birthday — was driving her crazy. So she ditched it for a new set of wheels. "My dad surprised me last night with a black Prius," she said on her website Monday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Mayer's blog hints at engagement

RELATIONSHIPS John Mayer has announced plans to propose to girlfriend Jennifer Aniston, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Gravity singer — who briefly split from the Friends actress last year after she became annoyed with him speaking publicly about their relationship — took to his Twitter blog over the weekend to confirm his intentions. On Friday he wrote: "Visiting the Diamond Exchange in Tustin." He then followed the comment up on Saturday with: "Welding an engagement ring for my girlfriend."

Last week, it was reported John had been seen canoodling with a mystery blond, but the couple silenced critics by spending Sunday together.

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Kutcher comes to Phelps' defence

PEOPLE Ashton Kutcher is standing up for Michael Phelps after photos surfaced of the Olympian smoking marijuana, us-magazine.com reports.

"God forbid he hit a bong," Kutcher Twittered about the incident on Monday. "Go ask your 20-year-old kid what they did last weekend."

"I'm not saying it was a smart move. But he doesn't need to be publicly outed for it," Kutcher went on.

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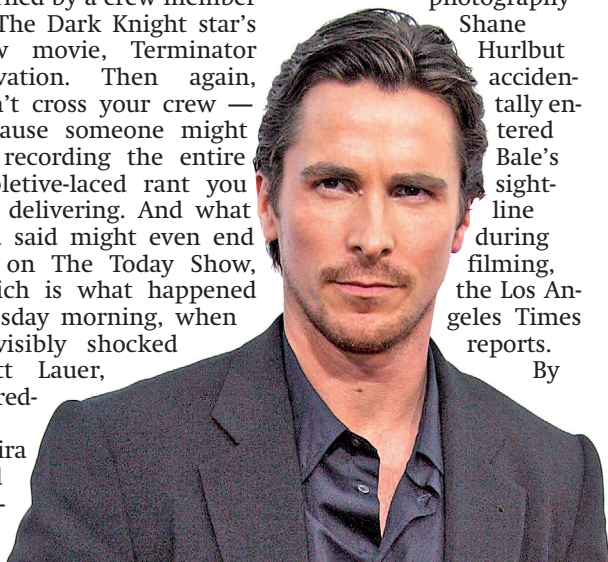
Bale's verbal rampage

TEMPER Don't cross Christian Bale, people.com reports.

At least that's the lesson learned by a crew member of The Dark Knight star's new movie, Terminator Salvation. Then again, don't cross your crew — because someone might be recording the entire expletive-laced rant you are delivering. And what you said might even end up on The Today Show, which is what happened Tuesday morning, when a visibly shocked Matt Lauer, Meredith Vieira and others

discussed Bale's scorching on-the-set rant — which came about after Terminator Salvation director of photography Shane Hurlbut accidentally entered Bale's sight-line during filming, the Los Angeles Times reports.

By



The Today Show's count, Bale, 35, dropped the F-bomb 36 times during his nearly four-minute verbal attack.

Contacted by People magazine on Monday, reps for Bale had no comment about the tape, which first surfaced on TMZ.com.

Bruce Franklin, an assistant director and associate producer on the Terminator film, called Bale's behaviour toward Hurlbut uncharacteristic for the star, whom Franklin told E! News was a "consummate professional." As for the incident, "It was just a moment and it passed."

To hear Bale's rant, visit this article online at metronews.ca/celebrity-buzz. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Madonna nabs boytoy Jesus

RELATIONSHIPS Madonna has reportedly introduced her Brazilian model lover Jesus Luz to her children, femalefirst.co.uk is saying.

The singer was spotted dining with the 22-year-old hunk in New York's Macelleria Italian Steakhouse over the weekend along with two of her children — Lourdes, 12, and adopted David, three.

A source said: "The chemistry was fizzing between Madonna and Jesus and Lourdes seemed interested to get to know him."

After the meal, Madonna took Lourdes and David shopping, and Lourdes —

the singer's daughter from a previous relationship with fitness trainer Carlos Leon — was seen trying on several designer items of clothing.

Madonna, 50, met Jesus in December when they were paired up for a photo shoot for U.S. fashion magazine W.

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Halle's boyfriend promises more kids

FAMILY She may be their only child for now, but Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry's daughter, Nahla Ariela, will be getting a brother or sister — if the proud papa gets his way, people.com reports.

"She needs a sibling," Aubry told People magazine on Monday. "I think it's important."

"I've never known



anybody who's had a single child (and) I've always been around big families," adds Aubry, who comes from a family of eight children. And what does Berry, 42, think of his plans to expand the family?

"She's okay with it," he says. "Absolutely."

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Gwyneth praises husband, says marriage still going strong

MARRIAGE Praising her Coldplay rocker husband Chris Martin for his loyalty, Gwyneth Paltrow also says that her marriage is just fine, people.com reports.

Speaking to the U.K. edition of Elle, Paltrow admits that she cannot listen to Coldplay's Swallowed in the Sea "without crying," because it helped her cope

with the loss of her father, Bruce Paltrow, whose October 2002 death left her devastated and depressed.

"It's so hard for me to listen to some of those songs," the Oscar winner says of Swallowed and Fix You. As for Martin, "I'm amazed he stuck with me (at the time her dad died), because I was a wreck. I can't believe that he did.

But stick with her he did, and the couple now has two children: Apple, 4, and Moses, 2.

Despite that, the Martins are dogged with rumours about their marriage, because they are often not seen with each other. As she has said, they simply don't like being photographed on the red carpets arm in arm.

Brit's kids on tour

FAMILY It's off to the circus for Britney Spears' children, people.com reports.

The pop star took to her blog Monday to knock down a report that her upcoming two-month tour was in trouble because of a snag over whether she could travel with her two boys.

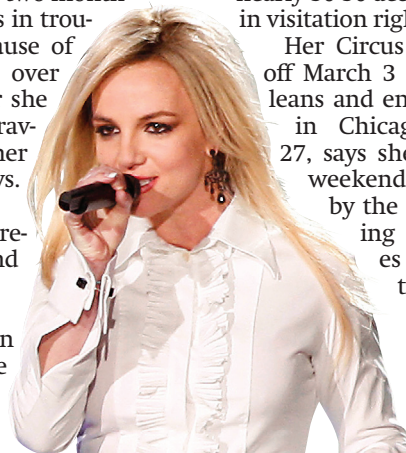
"Both Sean Preston and Jayden James will, in fact, be joining Britney

throughout the duration of her tour," says Spears' blog.

Spears' ex, Kevin Federline, 30, has primary custody of the boys, ages three and two, but Spears has nearly 50-50 access to them in visitation rights.

Her Circus tour kicks off March 3 in New Orleans and ends April 28 in Chicago. Spears, 27, says she spent the weekend lounging by the pool checking out sketches of costumes.

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Amy moving to Jamaica

LIFESTYLE Amy Winehouse is moving to Jamaica, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Rehab singer — who has been staying in the Caribbean island of St. Lucia since December to overcome her drug problems — wants to avoid "bad influences" in London and record her long-awaited third album in Jamaica, the home of late reggae leg-

end Bob Marley.

A source said: "Amy is having the time of her life in St. Lucia and doesn't want it to end. She's looking and feeling so much better and is worried about the bad influences waiting for her back in London. She's written a big chunk of her new album and has told bosses she wants to go to Jamaica to record it."

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Jolie peeved over Pitt party?

RELATIONSHIPS Angelina Jolie "hit the roof" when partner Brad Pitt embarked on a series of wild nights out recently, femalefirst.co.uk al-

The website says that Pitt, 45, reportedly decided to spend an evening partying after the recent Berlin premiere of new movie The Curious Case of Benjamin Button,

much to the irritation of The Changeling actress.

In Touch Weekly magazine reports Pitt's glass was "always half full" during the evening, and he was often heard drunkenly exclaiming: "Wow! The Germans make the best beer in the world! One more, please!"

Source claim Jolie — who raises six children with Brad — "hit the roof" when she heard about his late night antics.

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"It doesn't behoove us to be a public couple," adds Paltrow, who'll be a Grammy presenter this weekend. "He certainly doesn't want to be that. We've never ever walked down a red carpet together, we never will. If people think that that means we're not together, then — ha ha ha — so be it."

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